

B-3536 - B-3546
1101-1137 Battery Ave. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1855-1875

The east side of the 1100 block of Battery Ave. is improved with a number of different types of houses. 1101-1103 Battery Ave. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements. The houses were built in the early 1850's and are typical of the type of small house built for low-income families in this period. 1107-1107, 1109-1111, and 1113-1115 Battery Ave. are pairs of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the period 1855 to 1865 by three different builders. Extending south from 1117-1123 Battery Ave. is a row of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and simple brick cornices, built in the early 1870's. 1125 Battery Ave. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof, and to the south, at 1127-1131 Battery Ave. there is a group of two story, two bay wide brick gable-roofed houses, built in the late 1860's. Finally, at 1133 and 1135-1137 Battery Ave. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, built about 1866.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1117-1123 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED (1121)
☒ ALTERED (rest)

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of four two story, two bay brick houses with shed roofs was built as a unit in the 1870's. The neighboring pair of houses, 1113-1115 Battery Ave. originally formed part of this group. All of the houses except for 1121 Battery Ave. have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 82' deep. Each house has a two story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 1117 Battery has an extra one story high, two bay brick addition with a second story, one bay deep frame section. 1119 and 1121 Battery Ave. have extra two story high, two bay brick additions; and 1123 Battery Ave. has an extra two story high, one bay deep frame addition followed by a one story high, two bay brick addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The shed roof has a continuous wooden cornice almost identical to the cornice at 1113-1115 Battery Ave. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions set above a row of smaller modillions. Two brackets per house (the end brackets shared by adjoining houses) support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip, which is missing from all of the houses except for 1121 Battery. Each pair of houses shares a centrally located double hooded rear roof chimney. Each house also has a hooded rear end chimney located at the east end of the first two bays of the rear addition.

The first and second floor window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The door has a segmentally arched brick lintel. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash except for the windows at 1121 Battery which are filled with new 9/9 sash. Each doorway has an arched single light transom. 1117 and 1119 Battery Ave. have modern flush doors; 1121 Battery has a modern six panel door; and 1123 Battery has a panel door with upper lights. The houses sit on fairly high basements, the entrances to 1117 and 1121 Battery being reached by three stone steps each, and the entrances to 1119 and 1123 Battery being reached by four brick steps each. Each house has a rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window. An arched alleyway runs between each pair of houses.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-1874 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert Frederick for Anna Heighe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses is representative of a large group of such two story, Victorian-style houses built in the southern section of Federal Hill in the 1870's and 1880's to accomodate the raplidly growing number of workers (many of whom were recent immigrants) employed in the nearby shipyards, packing plants, and factories located along the waterfront east of Covington St. These houses are notable for their small scale, yet solid construction and practical amenities, such as often already installed Franklin stoves. The houses are two rooms deep, with the staircase located between the front and back room. The kitchens are located in a rear addition. A notable feature of these houses is that, despite the simple nature of the form and design, the builder still indulged in often elaborate exterior cornice treatments, which, however, could easily and cheaply be manufactured by machine.

The houses were built by a Robert Frederick for Anna Heighe, a widow who had received this parcel of land in a settlement made in favor of her husband in a case involving the previous owners.¹ 1117 Battery Ave. was sold to a John Appel, a carpenter; 1119 Battery Ave. was sold to a Michael Zinckland, a cooper; 1121 Battery was sold to a Johann Windfelder, a clerk; and 1123 Battery was sold to a Frank Holler. The houses sold for about \$1400, a somewhat high price for a house of this type (see under 402-408 E. Cross St.) which reflects the apparently good construction and quality of the details.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AM 248, Folio 148

²Ibid., Liber GR 665, Folio 40; GR 666, Folios 197, 195; GR 672, Folio 147; Baltimore City Directory, 1875, 1876

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 82'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

5/79
TELEPHONE1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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ST.

AVE.

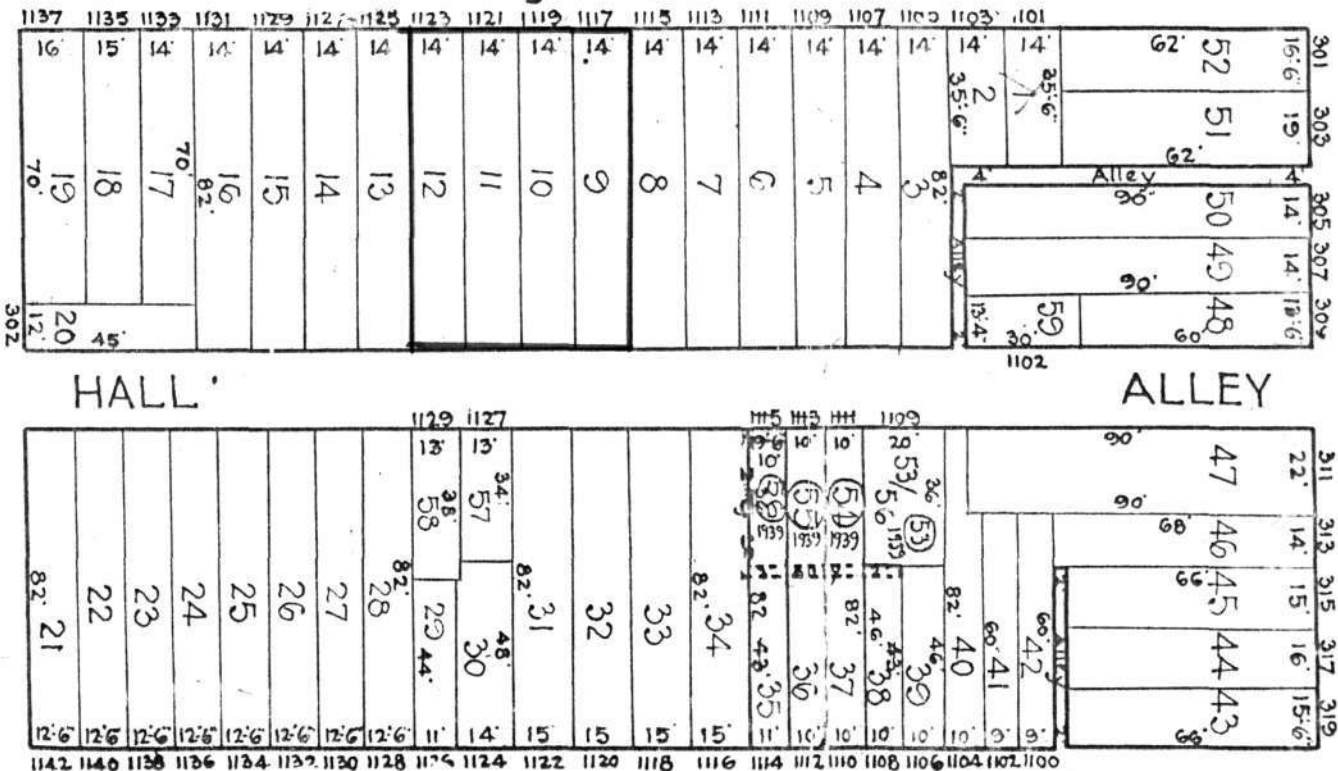
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BATTERY

HALL

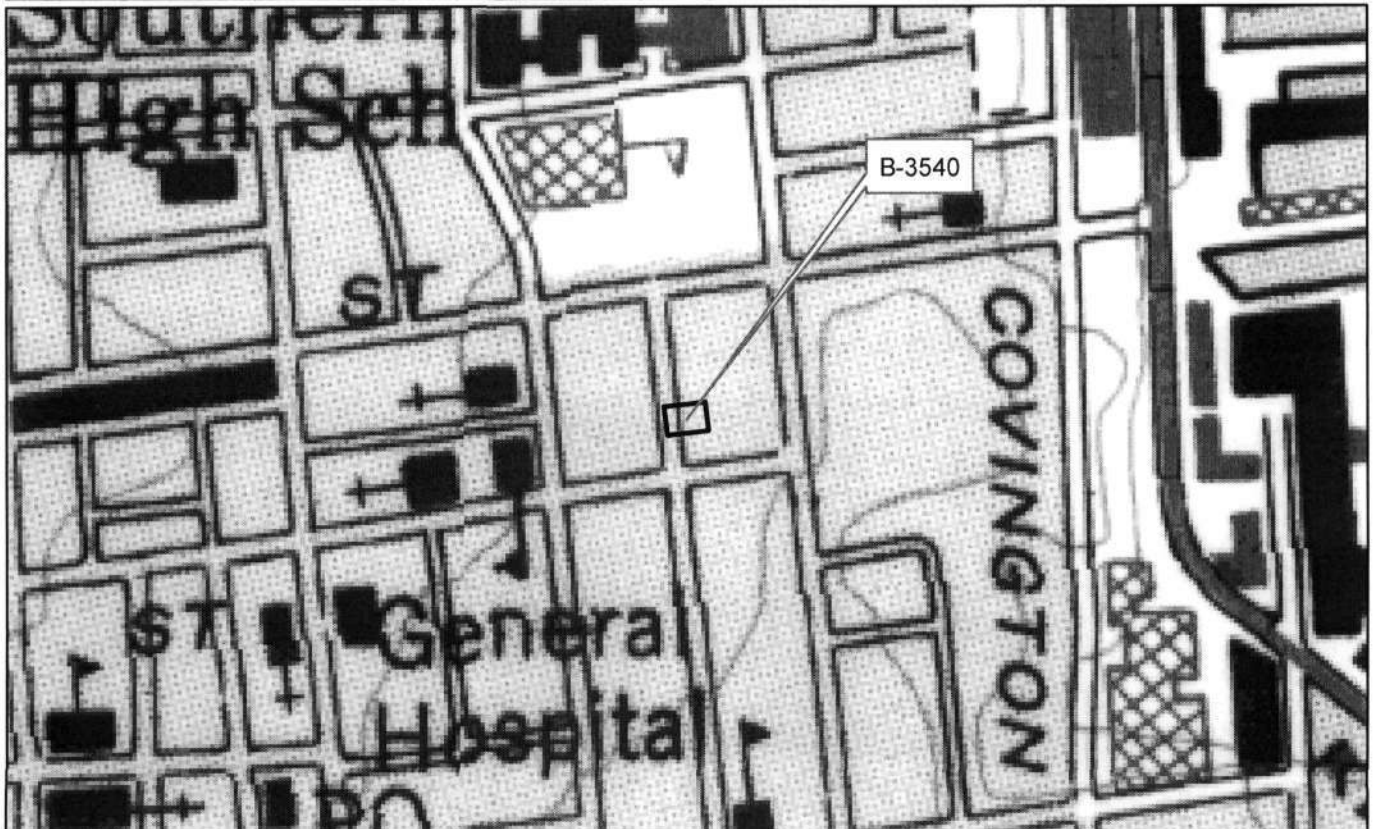
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E. WEST



NOTICE

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1117-1123 Battery Avenue
Block 1918 Lots 009-012
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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1117-1123 Battery Ave.

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West elevation



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1121 Battery Ave.

-M.E.H.

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West elevation